

The Federally Threatened and State Endangered species northern long-eared bat (NLEB) (*Myotis septentrionalis*), may be present within the Project Limits. If federal funds and / or a federal permit (See Army Corps General Permit Condition Number 9) are required for this project you must consult with the United States Fish & Wildlife Service's (USFWS) mapping database IPaC at <http://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/> to see if the NLEB is present and further consultation is needed for your project. **It is the Towns responsibility to comply with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.** In Connecticut, during the winter, northern long-eared bats hibernate in caves and mines, called hibernacula. They use areas in various sized caves or mines with constant temperatures, high humidity, and no air currents. During the summer, northern long-eared bats roost singly or in colonies underneath bark, in cavities or in crevices of both live trees and snags (dead trees). Males and non-reproductive females may also roost in cooler places, like caves and mines. NLEB seem to be flexible in selecting roosts, choosing roost trees based on suitability to retain bark or provide cavities or crevices. The removal and cutting of all trees  $\geq 3''$  in diameter is prohibited under a time-of-year (TOY) restriction by the USFWS during the bats active season which are as follows. These dates are inclusive unless determined otherwise through consultation with the USFWS.

- a. April 15<sup>th</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup> for all Connecticut Towns that do not front Long Island Sound and are not within 1 mile of a designated hibernacula.
- b. April 15<sup>th</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup> for Connecticut Towns that front Long Island Sound and are not within 1 mile of a designated hibernacula.
- c. April 15<sup>th</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup> for any project within 1 mile of a known hibernacula. Consultation through the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP) Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDB) will determine this.

This species is protected by state and federal laws which prohibit killing, harming, taking, harassing or keeping them in your possession. Workers shall be notified of the existence of northern long-eared bat in this area and be apprised of the laws protecting them. Observations of any bat species are to be immediately reported to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection at 860-424-3011.